MINISTRY OF PARLIMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) There were media reports about his transfer to Bangkok but these have not been confirmed by the Delhi Office of M/s. Snam Progetti.

(b) That Mr. Quattrochi was an appelant before the Swiss Federal Court in the Bofors Case is correct.

(c) and (d) If the need arises to interrogate any person living abroad, it can be done in the country where he is located. This is done through Letters Rogatory issued by a Court or through the Interpol.

Software Technology Park in Bangalore

953. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the US based Honeywell Inc. is planning to set up a Software Technology Park in Bangalore, and if so, what is the status of the proposal ?

(b) whether it is also a fact that many other overseas companies have evinced keen interest to set up software units in Bangalore ?

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to augment the infrastructural facilities in Bangalore for such projects and whether Government would consider clearance of such proposals in one lot rather than on case to case basis ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) M/s. Honeywell Inc. USA have submitted an application to set up a Software Technology unit at Bangalore under the Software Technology Park scheme of the Department of Electronics. The said proposal is under consideration of the Government of India.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The infrastructure facilities required for software exports i.e. core computer facilities and high speed data communication facilities already available at STP Bangalore are adequate for the purpose.

Such project proposals are considered on case by case basis.

Exorbitant Fees Charged by Computer Institutions

954. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the growth of computer institutions all over the country ;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the fact that while most of them are ill equipped, they charge exorbitant fees from the prospective learners ; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to stop the exploitation of educated youth by these institutions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF OCCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The majority of institutions which provide computer training are in the private sector and they charge fees according to their own norms.

The Government of India, Department of Electronics vide Resolution, dated 16th August 1990 announced a voluntary scheme namely DOEACC, under which private sector training institutions meeting the defined quality and service standards are

given provisional accreditation for conducting specified level of computer courses—'O' (Foundation), 'A' (Advanced Diploma), 'B' (Graduate) 'C' (Post-Graduate). The scheme is implemented through two professional bodies—Computer Society of India (CSI) and Institution of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineers (IETE). These professional bodies conduct examinations for various level of courses and the successful candidates are awarded appropriate certificates/diplomas. The institutions accredited for specific Computer Courses under the Scheme charge justifiable fees based upon infrastructure etc.

Setting up of Software Development Board

955. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a World Bank report has suggested the setting up of Software Development Board to give Indian Software Export a definite thrust ;

(b) if so, whether government have taken a decision to set up the board ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) The Government has accepted, in principle, to launch a Software Promotion Programme along the lines of recommendations in the World Bank founded report in order to give Indian Software Exports a definite thrust. The modalities of implementation and monitoring of the Programme are being worked out.

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक हार्डवेयर टेक्नोलॉजी पार्क स्कीम

956. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इलेक्ट्रॉनिक हार्डवेयर टेक्नोलॉजी पार्क (ईएचटीपी) योजना को अभी आरम्भ किया जाना है तथा औद्योगिक विकास विभाग द्वारा प्रक्रियात्मक आधार पर इसे रोका गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण है;

(ग) प्रस्ताव को स्वीकृति प्रदान करने तथा अपेक्षित उद्देश्य-सिद्धि हेतु इसे कार्यान्वित करने के लिए कौन-कौन से कदम उठाए गए हैं। उठाने का विचार है; और

(घ) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि के दौरान इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी उत्पादों के निर्यात तथा देश में उसके उत्पादन को बढ़ाने के लिए अब कौन-कौन से कदम उठाए गए हैं/उठाए जाने का विचार है ?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी विभाग और महासागर विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री एडुआर्डो फेलेरियो) : (क) से (ग) जी नहीं। इलेक्ट्रॉनिक हार्डवेयर प्रोद्योगिकी पार्क (ईएचटीपी) योजना पहले ही शुरू हो चुकी है। ईएचटीपी योजना को वाणिज्य मंत्रालय द्वारा उनकी दिनांक 14 सितम्बर, 1992 की अधिसूचना संख्या 42 (एन. डी)/92-97 के जरिए अधिसूचित किया गया था। इसके पश्चात् उद्योग मंत्रालय ने उद्योग (विकास तथा विनियम अधिनियम, 1951 के अंतर्गत इस योजना के संबंध में दिनांक 22 फरवरी, 1993 तथा 2 मार्च, 1993 को गजट अधिसूचना सं. एस ओ/117(ई) जारी की।